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NSF FOR RICHARD GREENFIELD, GARP OFFICE

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SUBJECT: MONSOON EXPERIMENT

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1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM GROSSMAN THAT HE HAS RECEIVED UN VISA DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. HE IS CONSEQUENTLY REGARDED IN GOI EYES AS A UN CONSULTANT, BY VIRTUE OF HIS SPECIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WMO THIS EXEMPTS HIM FROM INDIAN INCOME TAX; UNDP STAFF HERE ARE MAKING NECESSARY CONTACTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS EXEMPTION BEGINS FROM THE DATE GROSSMAN ENTERED THE COUNTRY RATHER THAN FROM THE DATE OF HIS VISA. IT ALSO EXEMPTS HIM FROM PAYMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTY. THE PRACTICE ON UN CONSULTANTS, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE GOI AGENCY TO WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED PAYS THE CUSTOMS DUTIES, AND UNDP STAFF IS WORKING ON OBTAINING THE NECESSARY AGREEMENT FROM THE APPROPRIATE GOI AGENCY (PROBABLY METEROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT) TO PICK UP THE TAB. THIS PROBLEM, HOWEVER SEEMS TO APPLY ONLY TO GOODS HE MIGHT BRING IN THE FUTURE, SINCE HIS REGULAR HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADMITTED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF DUTY.

2. GROSMAH HAD ALREADY SENT GREENFILED THE DOCUMENTATION
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REQUESTED IN CONNECTION WITH AN OFFICIAL PASSPORT. THIS IS NOW UNLIKELY TO BE NEEDED. SUGGEST GREENFIELD HOLD GROSSMAN'S PAPERS AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME UNFORESEEN SNAFU SHOULD DEVELOP.

3. PREPARATIONS FOR THE PROJECT SEEM TO BE MAKING PROGRESS. GROSSMAN HAS BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT GOI MAY WISH TO

SCHEDULE NEGOTIATING SESSION JUNE 12. GOI WILL BE SENDING
MORE FORMAL NOTIFICATION WHEN ITS PLANS ARE FIRM BUT IF
THIS TIMING IS NOT RPT NOT APPROPRIATE WOULD APPRECIATE
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